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	U.S. Patent No. 6,150,049 dated November 21, 2000 by Nelson, et al. entitled "Fluid Flow Plate for Distribution of Hydration Fluid in a Fuel Cell"				
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